Complaints received against distributors are investigated and appropriate action is taken against erring distributors in accordance with the Market Discipline Guidelines.

Allotment of LPG agencies to SC/ST persons in Bihar

3268. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the towns and cities in Bihar where LPG agencies have been allotted to the Scheduled Castes|Scheduled Tribes and other backward classes during the last three years, alongwith the names of such towns and cities where such agencies are likely to be allotted during the next two years;

(b) what procedure is followed..proposed to be followed in this regard; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to increase the quota for such allotments; if so by when and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) The oil industry has allotted LPG distributorships during the last three years to persons belonging to SC|ST category at the following towns|cities of Bihar:—

S.No.	Name of the town/city
1	Jamshedpur
2	Purnea
3	Madhupur
4	Bagaha
5	Lohardaga
6	Narkatiaganj
7	Patna
8	Ranchi
9	Mokamah
10	Samastipur
11	Rajgir
12	Katras

The oil industry has also planned upto the Marketing Plan 1987-88 to allot LPG distributorships to persons belonging to SC|ST category at the following locations in Bihar:—

S.No.	Name of the Location
1	Bettiah
2	Seraikala
3	Bikramganj
4	Daltanganj
5	Jamshedpur (3 Distributorships)
6	Ranchi
7	Ghatsila

At there is no separate reservation for the Backward Classes in the allotment of dealerships| distributorships for petroleum products, no statistics are maintained on them;

(b) Twenty-five percent of dealerships/ distributorships of petroleum products have been reserved for persons belonging to SC|ST Category;

(c) There is no proposal under consideration to increase the above quota of reservation for SC|ST as the present quota is considered reasonable and adequate.

Scarcity of carbon black

3269. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:

SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is scarcity of Carbon Black in the country at present;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the scarcity of Carbon Black has affected the production of rubber industry of the country; and